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1. On 10 January 1952, [REDACTED] the ceremonial introduction of Richard Staimer, former police president of Potsdam, into his new position as second deputy Director General of Railroads. It is the opinion of most railroad officials that Richard Staimer, a former police general and son-in-law of Soviet Zone President Pieck, will be responsible for political indoctrination and the maintenance of stricter discipline among railroad workers and employees. Richard Staimer was trained in Moscow.

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2. [REDACTED] a former Volkspolizei major was appointed vice president of the Dresden regional railroad headquarters. The new vice president is said to be assigned missions similar to those performed by Staimer in Berlin.

3. [REDACTED] a secret plan, according to which the Directorate General, Railroads, Berlin, and the various regional railroad headquarters were to be reorganized. It is envisaged to establish three main departments: I, Operations and Traffic; II, Rolling Stock; III, Railroad Installations. Another department is to be formed which will include the former Planning Department and those agencies which could not be incorporated into the three main departments. (1)

4. [REDACTED] an SSD agency occupied the former offices of the Planning Department at the railroad sub-district headquarters in Pasewalk.

5. [REDACTED] the railroad workers' councils no longer have a voice in the settlement of purely administrative matters. Since late 1951, their functions have been restricted to questions connected with the fulfillment of production quotas and welfare problems. Railroad personnel can now be discharged or reassigned without prior consultation with the workers' councils.

6. At a conference held on 25 January 1952 and attended by all office chiefs of RBD Berlin, it was announced that, effective immediately, all railroad offices would be occupied around the clock by an official authorized to give orders. No explanation for this new measure was given. (2)

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Comment. [REDACTED] It is partly co [REDACTED] organizational chart for the Main department "Railroad Installations", see attachment. Previously, the Directorate General, Railroads, Berlin, and the various regional railroad headquarters were organized into 16 departments. It is believed that the reorganization of railroad headquarters is designed to simplify administrative procedures and to save railroad personnel and that it is connected with the conversion of the state railroads into a nationalized enterprise.

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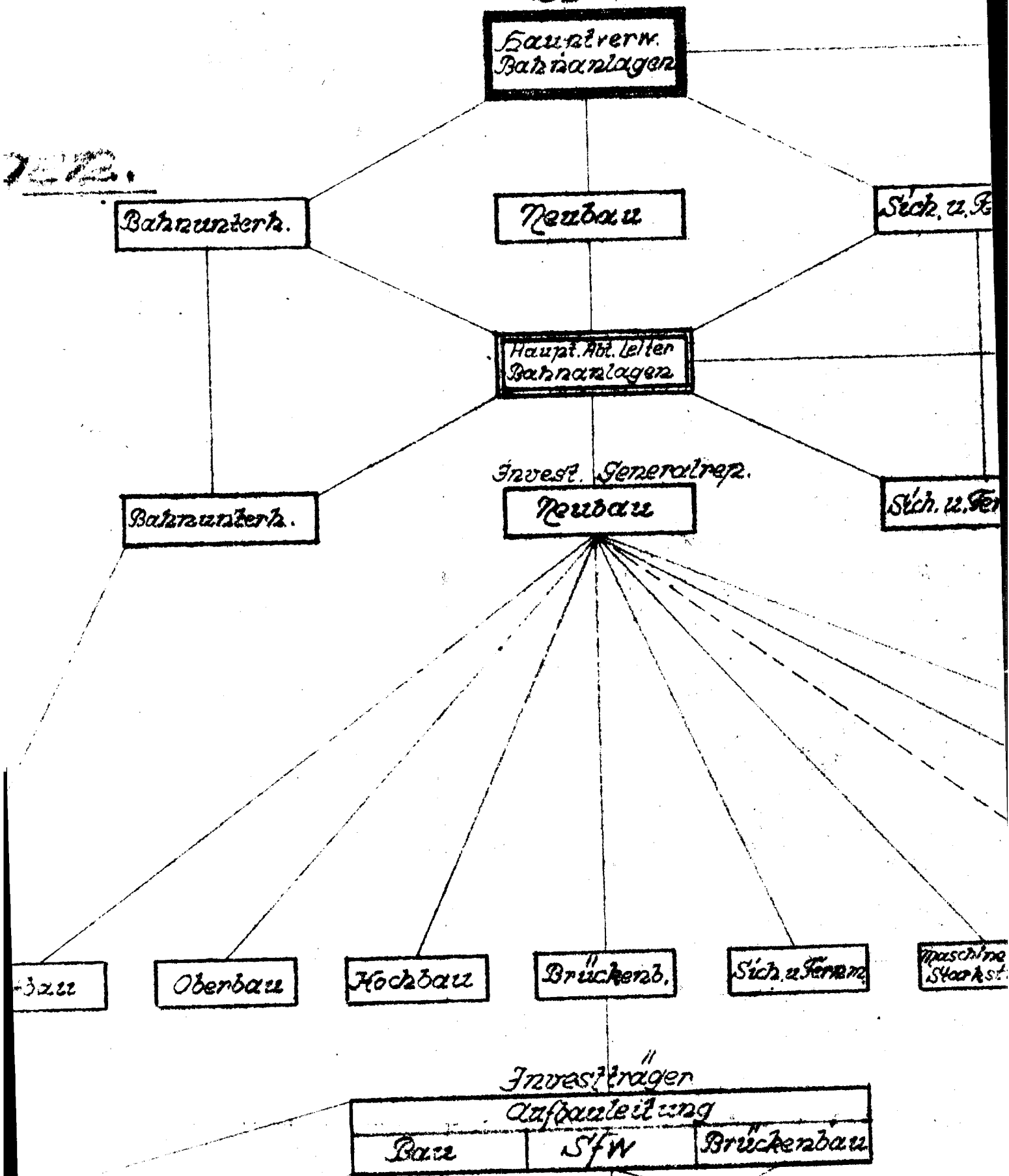
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(2) Comment. This measure does not indicate an unusual procedure. Railroad operations make it imperative that operations offices be occupied around the clock by personnel authorized to give orders.

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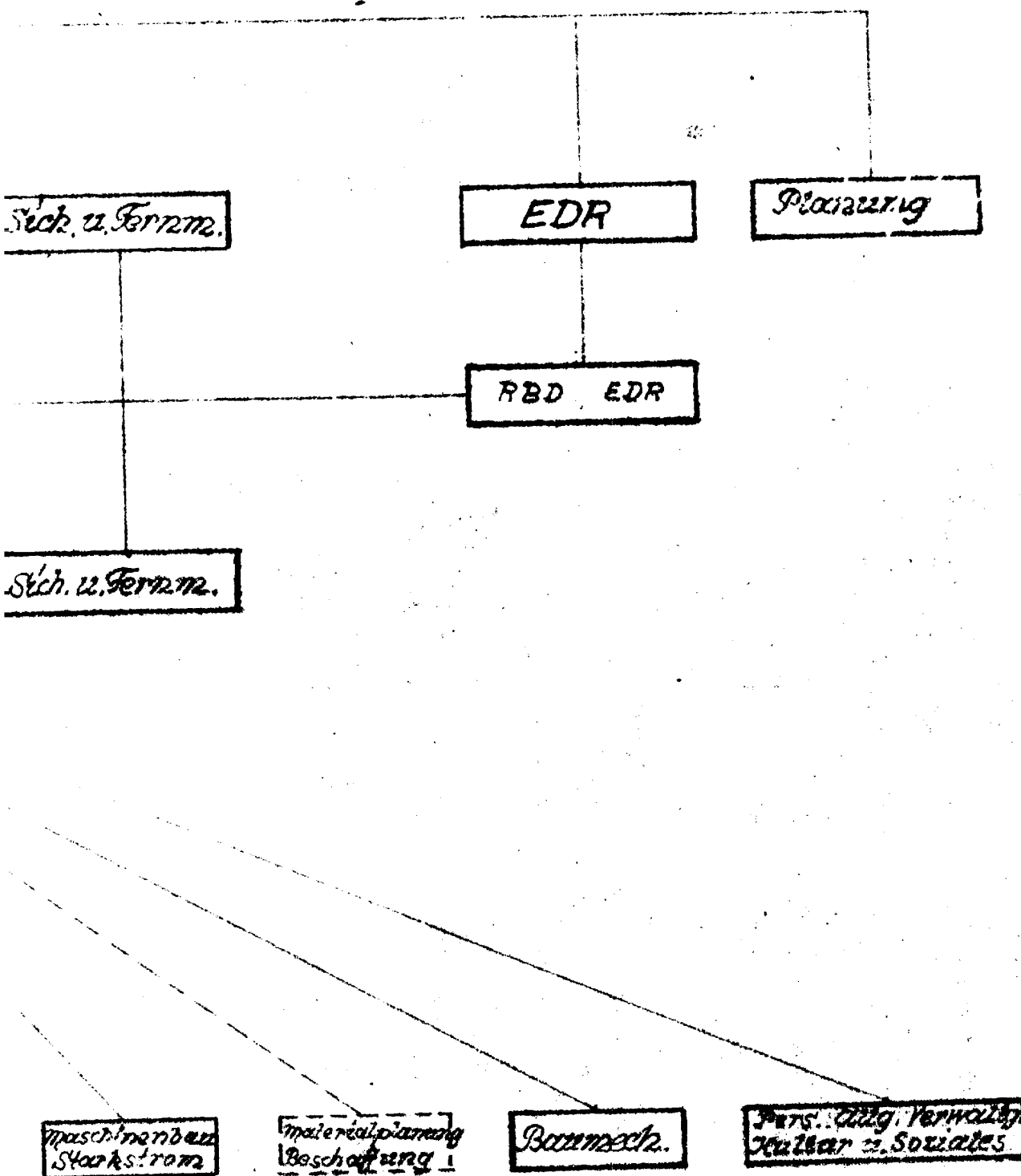
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